

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Previously presented): A method for standardized testing of assemblies in which washing, cleaning and drying processes are conducted, by treatment and effect of the treatment on textile fabric, comprising the following steps:

- a. introducing into the assembly a test article comprising a two- or three-dimensional article formed by individual elements or sections which are connected to one another and are at least partially displaced or come loose due when acted upon by mechanical loads which occur as a result of the washing, cleaning and drying processes;
- b. processing the test article in the assembly; and
- c. counting the sections or elements which have completely or partially come loose from the test article.

Claim 12 (New): A test article for standardized ascertainment of stress exerted on textile fabrics in assemblies

carrying out washing, cleaning, or drying processes comprising a fabric having a plurality of interconnected threads and a plurality of boundary threads differing in at least one of color, size, or constitution from the interconnected threads, said interconnected threads being at least partially displaced or detached when subjected to mechanical stress during the washing, cleaning, or drying processes, said boundary threads forming a plurality of subdivisions in said fabric from which said interconnected threads extend to facilitate counting of the interconnected threads partially displaced or detached as a result of the stress exerted during the washing, cleaning, or drying processes.